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SUBJECT: OIL EXPLORATION OPERATIONS IN DISPUTED SEA SHELF

REFS: A) MANILA 17960, B) STATE 215761 (NOTAL)

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1. DEPARTMENT'S POLICY ON OIL EXPLORATION IN DISPUTED

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EAST ASIAN WATERS REMAINS AS STATED IN REF B. YOU SHOULD,

THEREFORE, ADVISE VELASCO THAT BECAUSE OF THE CONFLICTING INTERNATIONAL CLAIMS IN THE REED BANK AREA USG WILL CONTINUE STRONGLY TO ADVISE AMERICAN COMPANIES AGAINST PARTICIPATING IN OIL EXPLORATION OR DRILLING THERE, AS WE DO IN OTHER SUCH DISPUTED AREAS. THE USG HAS NO WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN ANY SUCH VENTURE.

2. WE HAVE NO RECORD OF DISCUSSION WITH GULF OR OTHER COMPANIES REGARDING EXPLORATION IN REED BANK OR SPRATLYS. HOWEVER, GULF'S CHAIRMAN DORSEY MET LAST MARCH 13 WITH ACTING SECRETARY REGARDING ACTIVITIES IN YELLOW SEA. THROUGH THIS AS WELL AS OTHER CONVERSATIONS THAT COMPANY HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME FULLY CONVERSANT WITH USG VIEWS ON ACTIVITIES IN DISPUTED AREAS.

3. FYI. RECENT INDICATIONS THAT PRC MAY BE TAKING MORE INTEREST IN SPRATLYS (JCS 240554Z DEC 75) UNDERLINE AGAIN NECESSITY TO AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN THIS DISPUTED AREA. END FYI. ROBINSON

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